

Monadnock Mills
Claremont
Sullivan County
New Hampshire

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Date: 1836-1839

Location: 15 Water Street

Designed by: Unknown

Owner: Dempco, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut

Significance: A group of Claremont citizens formed the Upper Falls Co. in 1836, in between then and 1839 constructed a five story textile mill structure measuring 40' x 130'. A boarding house was constructed during the same period. Both buildings were purchased in 1843 by Parker, Wilder, and Parker, of Boston, who equipped the mill with cotton textile machinery from Fall River, Massachusetts, and began manufacturing ticking, sheeting and drill. The firm incorporated the Monadnock Mills Co. Carding, spinning, warping and weaving operations took place in this building.

Mill #1 was originally powered by a breast wheel, which may have been superceded in 1860 by a Tyler turbine in an adjacent building. A second turbine was, apparently, installed in 1867, and the wheel may have been removed at this time. The original stone-arched tailrace is visible in the basement. The mill and wheelpit were renovated in 1868, and a cupola was erected on the roof in 1870.

The Monadnock Mills were sold to Bates Manufacturing Co. of Lewistown, Maine. It is now used for warehousing.

Researchers are referred to a 1978 HCRS study (U.S. Department of the Interior, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. Rehabilitation: Claremont 1978; Planning for Adaptive Use and Energy Conservation in an Historic Mill Village. Washington, D.C.. 1978.) for rehabilitation proposals.

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